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**BROCKTON MAN IS CONVICTED OF MURDERING MAN WHILE WEARING A  
GPS MONITORING BRACELET**

**BROCKTON** – A Brockton man who was wearing a GPS monitoring bracelet when he shot a man 12 times has been convicted of Murder, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

A jury deliberated five hours today before finding Franklin Kapaia (DOB: 08/19/93) guilty of one count of Murder. Brockton Superior Court Judge Richard Chin sentenced Kapaia to serve Life in Jail at MCI-Cedar Junction.

Just after 6 p.m. on March 6, 2013, Brockton Police responded to a 911 call for a report of a shooting at 419 Montello Street. Upon arrival, police found the victim, 32-year-old Eric Dillard, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Dillard was transported to Brockton Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 6:32 p.m.

Kapaia, who had been fitted with a GPS monitoring bracelet as part of his sentence for a rape conviction, fled the murder scene. He was arrested eight days later after the Massachusetts State Police Stop Team executed a no-knock entry into a Brockton apartment and located Kapaia. Jurors at trial heard crucial evidence that placed Kapaia at the murder scene wearing the GPS monitoring bracelet when he shot Dillard 12 times.

“Mr. Kapaia was on a mission that day when he riddled Mr. Dillard’s body with bullets and took his life,” DA Cruz said. “The jury got the verdict right and I am hopeful that this family can find some justice and peace in that.”

Assistant District Attorneys Jessica Elumba and Alexander Zane prosecuted the case, which was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office and Brockton Police.

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